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Stephen F. Williams
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
 Education: Yale 1958 BA; Harvard 1961 JD
 Began Service: 1986
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
 Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Professor of Law, The University of Colorado System (1969-1986); Visiting Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles (1975-1976); Visiting Professor of Law, University of Chicago (1979-1980); Visiting Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University (1983-1984)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1966-1969)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates (1962-1966)

Military Service: United States Army (1961-1962)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; Energy Bar Association

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Harry Thomas Edwards
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
 Education: Cornell 1962 BS; Michigan 1965 JD
 Began Service: February 20, 1980
 Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
 Political Affiliation: Independent

Affiliation: Visiting Professor of Law, School of Law, New York University

Chambers of Senior Judge Harry T. Edwards *continued*

Academic: Professor of Law, Law School, University of Michigan (1970-1975); Visiting Professor of Law, Program for International Legal Cooperation, Free University of Brussels (1974); Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School (1975-1976); Professor of Law, Harvard Law School (1976-1977); Faculty Member, Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University (1976-1982); Professor of Law, Law School, University of Michigan (1977-1980); Lecturer in Law, School of Law, University of Pennsylvania (1981-1982); Lecturer in Law, Harvard Law School (1982-1988); Senior Lecturer in Law, School of Law, Duke University (1983-1989); Lecturer in Law, The Law Center, Georgetown University (1985-1986); Lecturer in Law, Law School, University of Michigan (1988-1989)

Corporate: Member, Editorial and Advisory Board, West Publishing Company (1978-1980)

Government: Public Member, Administrative Conference of the United States (1976-1980); Chairman, Board of Directors, AMTRAK [National Railroad Passenger Corporation] (1978-1980)

Judicial: Neutral Arbitrator (1970-1980); Member, Judicial Conference of the United States (1994-2001)

Legal Practice: Associate, Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson (1965-1970); Chairman, Ann Arbor Model Cities Legal Services Center, Inc. (1971-1972)

Current Memberships: American Academy of Arts and Sciences; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; American Society of International Law; Association of American Law Schools; Federal Judges Association; The Supreme Court Historical Society

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A. Raymond Randolph
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1943
 Education: Drexel 1966 BS; Pennsylvania 1969 JD
 Began Service: July 20, 1990
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Current Memberships: The American Law Institute; The Bar Association of the District of Columbia; State Bar of California

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United States District Courts

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Mark E. Fuller
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: December 27, 1958
 Education: Alabama 1982 BS, 1985 JD
 Began Service: December 2, 2002
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Chief Assistant District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama (1996-1997); District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of Alabama (1997-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1985-1986); Partner, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1986-1996)

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Myron H. Thompson
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
 Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD
 Began Service: September 29, 1980
 Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Affiliation: Member, Chambers of Member Myron H. Thompson, Judicial Conference of the United States

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1972-1974)

Legal Practice: Partner, Thompson & Faulk (1979-1980)

Current Memberships: Alabama Lawyers Association; American Bar Association; National Bar Association

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W. Keith Watkins
District Judge

Education: Auburn 1973 BS; Alabama 1976 JD
 Began Service: January 12, 2006
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Partner, Strudwick & Watkins (1976-1978); Partner, Clower & Watkins (1978-1986); Partner, Calhoun, Watkins & Clower (1987-1990); Partner, Calhoun, Faulk, Watkins, Clower & Cox (1990-1994)

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